

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that: this declaration is for a utility patent application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint-inventor, all the inventors on the invention being: Gurge Jelle Mesu and Jacobus Boot, of the subject matter which is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **MANUFACTURE OF GRANOLA AND SNACK-FOOD PRODUCTS**, the specification of which was filed on the 19th day of January, 2000, as Serial No. 09/487,137.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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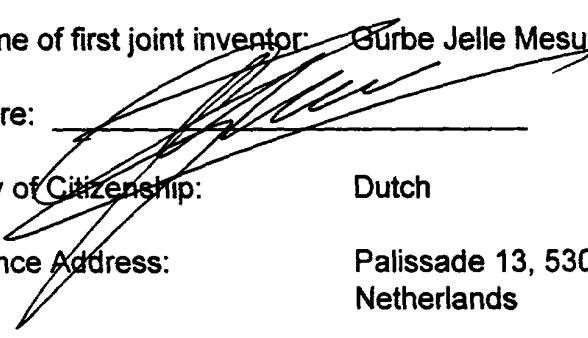
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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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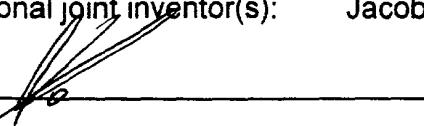
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ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Gurge Jelle Mesu and Jacobus Boot, hereby assign to THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New Jersey having its principal office in Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in our invention, as set forth below in the utility patent application for MANUFACTURE OF GRANOLA AND SNACK-FOOD PRODUCTS, filed on the 19th day of January, 2000, and assigned Serial No. 09/487,137, executed by us respectively, the 28th day of March, 2000, and the 3rd day of April, 2000 (a representative of the named assignee being hereby authorized to insert said execution dates when ascertained), including any improvements, thereof and any and all divisional and continuation applications, and in any and all Letters Patents, reissues and extensions issuing thereon, and we hereby authorize and request the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to assign said Letters Patents to said THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY.

FOR SAID CONSIDERATION, we hereby agree, upon the request and on behalf of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional and continuing applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of said Letters Patents and any Letters Patent that may be granted upon any divisional and continuation applications that said assignee, its successors or assigns, may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations we further agree upon the request of said assignee, its successors and assigns, in the event of said Letters Patents or any division or continuation thereof, or any Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of our ability with said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, we hereby agree to perform, upon such request and at the expense of said assignee, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patents and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made. And for the said considerations we hereby assign to said THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for any and all foreign countries and agree upon the request of said THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all documents that shall be required of us to be executed in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent therefor, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to vest title in said foreign applications and patents in said assignee, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee.